

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: omg.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not stated

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 09 February 2012

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image shows a sexualised image of a naked young teenage girl posed deliberately for the camera. It is constructed to emphasise her sexual characteristics and her youthfulness. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young people. Images such as this encourage viewers to see young teenage girls as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.